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This week the EPA is convening its peer review panel of science experts to shape and finalize its draft Watershed Assessment of Bristol Bay. The 12 scientists will meet over three days, including two days of public meetings that will incorporate testimony from other scientists and members of the public. The peer review follows a 60-day comment period that included over 208,000 comments, with 96% of submissions supporting EPA action to protect Bristol Bay.

Local tribes, the Bristol Bay Native Corporation, 700 sportsman groups, over 600 businesses, 77 commercial fishing groups, and the National Council of Churches have praised the EPA for holding a thorough, open science process. Meanwhile, beleaguered Northern Dynasty, hit with declining share prices and investor qualms about permitting Pebble, issued a 635-page criticism of the EPA's 338-page watershed assessment. Northern Dynasty said the EPA is "grossly overstepping its authority," and called the Watershed report, "seriously flawed, and not grounded in sound scientific analysis."

Frontline continues its online reporting about Bristol Bay, posting features about Northern Dynasty firing back at the EPA, and on the likelihood of dam failures at the future mine site. Sportsmen question why some House members who claim to advocate their interests are pushing to open up oil drilling in some of the nation's most sensitive fishing areas, including Bristol Bay, in an article by Field and Stream. And, through an innovative program run by seafood processor Peter Pan, Dillingham school children enjoy healthy salmon lunches courtesy of donations by fishermen.

For more information, visit www.savebristolbay.org

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Science experts will review EPA's Bristol Bay assessment Aug. 7 - 9

Save Bristol Bay blog

Another big milestone happens Aug. 7 – 9 in the effort to protect Bristol Bay from inappropriate large-scale mining like the Pebble project. A panel of expert scientists will provide peer review of the EPA's Bristol Bay Watershed Assessment at a three-day meeting in Anchorage...Click here to read more

Industry says EPA Bristol Bay study will not back threatened permit veto

David LaRoss

Inside EPA Weekly

Industry and other supporters of the controversial Pebble

Mine slated for Bristol Bay, AK, are warning that regardless of whether EPA enjoys authority to issue a novel preemptive veto of the project's permit as

some critics are urging, the agency's landmark assessment of the mine's potential impact on the bay watershed is inadequate as the sole basis for such

a veto...Click here to read more

Tailings Dams: Where Mining Waste is Stored Forever

Gretchen Gavett

PBS

Imagine a big hole in the ground, similar to the one pictured above. Now imagine that pit filled with up to 10 billion tons of tailings — waste that's derived from mining — that will remain there forever...Click here to read more

Partner in Pebble Mine Fires Back at EPA Report

Azmat Khan

PBS

Northern Dynasty Minerals Ltd, a partner in the joint venture to build a lucrative mine in Bristol Bay, Alaska, fired back at the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) critical assessment of the proposed project yesterday...Click here to read more Northern Dynasty submits comments on draft Bristol Bay Watershed Assessment

Northern Dynasty Release

Sacramento Bee

Northern Dynasty Minerals Ltd. has submitted a 635-page critique of the draft Bristol Bay Watershed Assessment (BBWA) report - entitled An Assessment of Potential Mining Impacts on Salmon Ecosystems of Bristol Bay, Alaska - in response to the U.S.

Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) call for public comment...Click here to read more

Conservation Update: Some in House want Bristol Bay, West Coast Opened to Drilling

Bob Marshall

Field & Stream

Sportsmen wondering why certain House members -- who claim to be the sportsmen's voice in Congress -- keep pushing to open up oil drilling in some of the nation's most sensitive fishing areas can get a good idea from this recent interview with Randal Luthi on Environment and Energy TV...Click here to read more

Bristol Bay sockeye salmon run strong but below average

Jim Paulin, the Dutch Harbor Fisherman

Alaska Dispatch

The sockeye salmon season is basically over in Bristol Bay, and in the Nushagak district fishermen are shifting over into a pink salmon fishery, according to Tim Sands of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game in Dillingham...Click here to read more

Letters to the Editor: Leave minerals in the ground, save world-class salmon run

Brita Mjos, Anchorage AK

Anchorage Daily News

I watched the "Frontline" documentary about the Pebble mine project. Interviews with Northern Dynasty representatives, Bristol Bay residents and fishermen agreed that salmon are the priority, that a mine shouldn't be built if it's incompatible with the environment...Click here to read more

Bristol Bay receives USDA Grant to Fund Bristol Bay Jobs Accelerator Project

USDA

Alaska Native News

USDA-Rural Development Alaska State Director Jim Nordlund today announced that the Bristol Bay Native Association (BBNA) in Dillingham will receive a combined USDA-RD and U.S. Economic Development Administration grant award of \$405,023 to fund the Bristol Bay Jobs Accelerator Project...Click here to read more

Bristol Bay salmon land on Dillingham school lunch menus

Carey Restino, The Bristol Bay Times

Alaska Dispatch

Six years ago, the only fish being served in the schools of one of the richest fishing regions in the nation were breaded, battered farmed fish from distant shores. A conversation between a school district chef and a supervisor at Peter Pan Seafoods in Dillingham changed all that...Click here to read more

More than 30 acts are jammin' for salmon this weekend

Matt Sullivan

Anchorage Daily News

While only in its second year, Salmonstock has already become perhaps the biggest musical festival in the state. More than 30 acts will perform on four stages over the course of three days at the Kenai Peninsula Fairgrounds in Ninilchik...Click here to read more

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